

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-24 were pending in the application. Claims 10, 12-15, 17, and 21 have been allowed. Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 16, 18-20, and 22-23 were amended. Claim 25-27 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-27 are pending in the application.

The Examiner objected to claims 4-8, 11 and 16. Applicant has amended claims 4-8, 11, and 16 to overcome these objections.

Claims 5-7 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration of these claims.

35 U.S.C. 112 rejection

Claims 1, 3-9, 18-20, and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1, 5-6, 18-19, and 22-23 overcome this rejection.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 3-4, 8-9, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collins et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,926,366).

Applicant respectfully submits that Collins fails to teach or suggest "the media drive having a connector on a rear surface thereof and a springy latching member secured to said rear surface" and "a detent for latching the springy latching member secured to the media drive" as recited in claim 1. Applicant notes that the underlined feature of amended independent claim 1 shown above is similar to that of claim 5, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner. In accordance, claim 1 is believed to patentably

distinguish over the cited reference.

Claims 3-4 and 8-9 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed to patentably distinguish over the cited reference for at least the reasons given above.

In addition, amended independent claim 18 recites features similar to those highlighted above with regard to independent claim 1 and is therefore believed to patentably distinguish over the cited reference for at least the reasons given in the above paragraphs.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests examination of added claims 25-27. Claims 25-27 recite features similar to those highlighted above with regard to independent claim 1 and are therefore believed to patentably distinguish over the cited reference for at least the reasons given in the above paragraphs discussing claim 1.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-09000/BNK.

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